

Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

General Session

November 29, 2017

(Alternate Board Meeting date due to holiday week)

Members Present

David A. Cox, *LMT, Chair*
Gwenda Harrison, *LMT, Vice-Chair*
Gloria Boddie-Epps, *Secretary/Treasurer*
Margaret Hayes, *Consumer*
Paula K. Jilanis, *LMT*
J. Paige Szymanski, *LMT*
Caitlin M. Thompson, *LMT*

Non-Members Present

Grant Gerber, *AAG, Board Counsel*
Laurie Sheffield-James, *Executive Director*
Adrienne Congo, *Deputy Director*
Christopher Bieling, *Investigator III*

- I. **Call to Order – at 10:10 am - David Cox, LMT, Chair**
 - II. **Roll Call – All present**
 - III. **Review/Approval of General Session Agenda – (motion Margaret Hayes) – Agenda was *approved* with correction and additions.**
 - IV. **Review/Approval of Minutes – October 25, 2017 – (motion Margaret Hayes) – Minutes were *approved*.**
 - V. **Reports:**
 - A. **Chair** – Changing the date of the December Meeting to **Wednesday, December 20, 2017**. The Board will have a substitute Board Attorney that date.
 - B. **Executive Director** – Legislative Specialist, Kristen Neville is leaving the MDH Boards and Commissions. Currently do not have a person to review legislation with regard to Bills. Request to hire has gone out by MDH with anticipation of filling position hopefully by end of January 2018. Board will acknowledge her for the invaluable work with this Board’s statutes and regulations in form of card or plaque.
- Read a snap shot of the “*Regulatory Process*” to the Board followed by Board Counsel, Grant Gerber speaking to the legal sufficiency component more so for the public audience.

C. Board Counsel – Grant Gerber AAG, Board Counsel – Board Member Orientation on Monday, December 4, 2017 at Tech Center, UMBC to which he will be one of the presenters.

Two Board Members (*Gwenda Harrison and Gloria Boddie-Epps*) will attend and Sharon Bloom advised in the meeting.

D. Committee Reports –

- **Rehabilitation Committee** – Caitlin Thompson, LMT – *Rehabilitation Committee Chair*

A. Update: November 14, 2017 the Rehab Committee met with a representative from University of MD regarding a well-being program for an explanation of what they do. A report generated will be brought to the full Board as a follow-up.

VI. Ratification of New Licensees and New Registrants – (*motion Paula Jilanis*) - **Passed**

VII. Miscellaneous Discussion: Audience attendee posed a question which facilitated a discussion of the recent news articles regarding problems associated with Massage Envy locations.

General Session Adjourned at 11:10 am (motion Paula Jilanis)

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Boddie-Epps
Secretary/Treasurer